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LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.   (withdrawn) A video and multimedia acquisition and delivery system, comprising:

a content acquisition system, comprising:

a content acquisition server that receives video and multimedia content requests and controls acquisition of the requested video and multimedia content,

one or more content acquisition routers coupled to the content acquisition server that route the video and multimedia content requests and acquired video and multimedia content, and

a content acquisition receiver system coupled to the one or more content acquisition routers, wherein the content acquisition receiver system receives video and multimedia content from remote sources and provides the received video and multimedia content to the one or more content acquisition routers; and

a content delivery system coupled to the content acquisition system, comprising:

a content delivery server, and

one or more content delivery routers coupled to the content delivery server.

2.   (withdrawn) The system of claim 1, wherein the content acquisition server, comprises:

a content request processor and router that receives the video and multimedia requests from a user terminal;

a buffer coupled to the content request processor and router; and

a remote content download processor coupled to the content request processor and router, wherein the remote content download processor manages a connection from remote content sources.

3.   (withdrawn) The system of claim 2, wherein the content delivery server maintains a connection to the user terminal for delivery of video and multimedia content.

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4. (withdrawn) The system of claim 2, wherein the video and multimedia content includes the video and multimedia content and metadata related to the video and multimedia content, and wherein the video and multimedia content is routed through the video and multimedia content acquisition system.

5. (withdrawn) The system of claim 2, wherein the video and multimedia content includes metadata related to the video and multimedia content, and wherein the video and multimedia content is routed to the user terminal through a remote network gateway to the content delivery server coupled to the network gateway.

6. (withdrawn) The system of claim 1, wherein the content acquisition receiver system comprises:

one or more acquisition receivers;

one or more acquisition demodulators coupled to the one or more acquisition receivers, and

one or more acquisition demultiplexers coupled to the one or more acquisition demodulators, wherein the one or more acquisition demultiplexers demultiplex receive content to provide requested video and multimedia content to the content delivery system for delivery to a user terminal.

7. (withdrawn) The system of claim 1, wherein the content delivery server, comprises:

a local request processor; and

a content delivery processor coupled to the local request processor and wherein the content delivery system stores video and multimedia content in a local content source buffer until a connection to a user terminal is made.

8. (withdrawn) The system of claim 1, wherein the content delivery server comprises an advertisement processor that receives commands to insert specific advertisements into video and multimedia content, wherein the specific advertisements are stored at one of a remote location and a user terminal.

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9.   (withdrawn) The system of claim 1, wherein the content delivery server comprises a digital rights management (DRM) processor and an encryption processor, wherein the DRM processor comprises:

a storage module that determines if video and multimedia content may be stored at a user terminal, copied, forwarded to another user terminal, transferred to a computer-readable medium, and translated into an alternate file format and coding scheme; and

an encryption module that determines if the video and multimedia content may be encrypted, and wherein the encryption processor encrypts the video and multimedia content.

10.   (withdrawn) The system of claim 1, further comprising a system administrator that receives a notification of receipt of the requested video and multimedia content by a user terminal, and processes billing information based on receipt of the content.

11.   (currently amended) A method for acquiring and delivering ~~video and multimedia~~ content, comprising:

receiving a content download request from a user terminal;

determining if the request is a local download <u>request</u> or a remote download <u>request</u>;

if the request is a remote download request, determining if the content is to be delivered directly or indirectly; and

if the ~~delivery~~<u>content</u> is to be delivered directly:

establishing a communications link from a remote content server to the user terminal,

~~delivering~~<u>forwarding</u> the requested content to<u>ward</u> the user terminal,

validating the delivery <u>of the content</u> to the user terminal, and

logging the validated delivery in one of a local <u>server database</u> and a remote server database.

12.   (currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein<u>:</u>

___ <u>if</u> the request is a local download request, ~~comprising~~<u>performing the steps of</u>:

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_____analyzing metadata related to the requested content;

_____determining, based on the analyzed metadata, if the requested content is in a correct format for delivery to the user terminal; and

~~if the requested content format is not correct:~~

~~retrieving the requested content, decoding the requested content, and~~

_____reformatting the requested content as needed into a required format for delivery to the user terminal;

~~if the requested format is correct,~~ routing ~~the~~ requested content of the correct format to a content delivery server;

analyzing a user profile associated with a user of the user terminal and the content metadata; and

based on the analyzed user profile and the content metadata:

applying a digital rights management scheme to the content delivery, and

incorporating one or more advertisements into the requested content, ~~wherein one or more of the one or more advertisements are~~ including at least one advertisement targeted to a user of the user terminal.

13.   (currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein:

_____If the requested content is to be delivered indirectly, ~~comprising~~performing the steps of:

acquiring the requested content ~~at~~via a remote acquisition server;

~~determining~~if the requested content should be stored at an aggregator local storage[;], performing the steps of:

~~if stored at the aggregator local storage:~~

determining a format of the requested content,

if the format if the requested content is not correct for storage, reformatting the request content,~~and~~

~~if the format of the requested content is correct for storage,~~storing the requested content;

_____analyzing metadata related to the requested content;

_____determining, based on the analyzed metadata, if the requested content is in a correct format for delivery to the user terminal; and

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~~if the requested content format is not correct:~~

~~retrieving the requested content, decoding the requested content, and~~

reformatting the requested content <u>as needed</u> into a required format for delivery to the user terminal;

~~if the requested format is correct,~~routing ~~the~~ requested content <u>of the correct format</u> to a content delivery server;

analyzing a user profile associated with a user of the user terminal and the content metadata; and

based on the analyzed user profile and the content metadata:

applying a digital rights management scheme to the content delivery, and

incorporating one or more advertisements into the requested content, ~~wherein one or more of the one or more advertisements are~~ <u>including at least one advertisement</u> targeted to a user of the user terminal.